

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING AUGUST 13, 2002

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met from adjourned session and published call July 30, 2002, at 9:00 a.m. in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island, Nebraska.

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lancaster

INVOCATION – Invocation was given by

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster, and Lonnie Logan. Also present were County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz and representatives from the *Grand Island Independent* and KRGH.

CONSENT AGENDA – Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Accept and place on file the minutes of the July 30 meeting
2. 10 Authorized the Chair to sign the agreement with Lancaster County Youth Services
3. 11 Authorized the chair to sign the agreement for Handi Bus State and Federal Operating Assistance
4. 12 Approve Resolution #02-0046 to Strike Uncollectible Delinquent 1999 Personal Taxes and 2000 and Prior Real Property Taxes
5. 13 Approve the Resolution #02-0047 to Close Alda Road for Husker Harvest Days September 10, 11 & 12, 2002
6. 14 Authorized the chair to sign the cooperative agreement for Child Support Enforcement for the Clerk of the District Court
7. 15 Approved the final plat for Bovine Subdivision
8. 23 Accepted and placed on file the office reports from the Hall County Clerk, County Attorney Statistical Report, County Court, Emergency Management and Hall County Sheriff
9. 24 Accepted and placed on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
10. 25 Accepted and placed on file communications as received.

Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

OFFICE REPORT JULY 2002

TITLE FEES STATE	\$18,715.25
TITLE FEES COUNTY	\$ 9,510.75
RECORDING FEES	\$ 55.00
MARRIAGE LICENSES	\$ 645.00
PHOTO FEES/FAX FEES & MISC.	\$ 171.10
PLAT BOOKS	30.00
TOTAL	\$29,127.10

OFFICE REPORT
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF
2002

TOTAL FEES MILEAGE & MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 15,507.32
COPIES	69.50
HANDGUN APPLICATIONS	30.00
TITLE INSPECTIONS	2,670.00

OFFICE REPORT
COUNTY COURT
JUNE 2002

FINES (CO.)	\$61,770.80
OVERLOAD FINES	4,950.00
REIMBURSE SHERIFF FEES	1,948.15
WORK RELEASE FEES	2,076.00
REIMBURSE FAX COPIES	61.00
FINES (CITY)	11,277.76
REIMBURSE WITNESS FEES	707.42
BOND FORFEITURES	7,692.18
REIMBURSE CO. FEES	.00
TOTAL	\$ 90,483.31

2 COUNTY ATTORNEY – a. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON PROPOSAL OF NEBRASKA PERSONNEL CONSULTANTS, L.L.C. FOR COMPARABILITY STUDY – County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz stated he received a proposal from Paul Essman with Nebraska Personnel Consultants to do a comparability study. He would obtain the job descriptions from the county and it would take about six to eight weeks to complete the process. The amount of the study would be \$12,000.00. Discussion was held on how often the study should be done and Mr. Essman suggest every three to four years to keep it current. Logan made a motion and Arnold seconded to approve the contract with Nebraska Personnel Consultants L.L.C. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

2b DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ADDITIONAL DATA WIRING FOR BELTZER BUILDING BY COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING – County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz stated that he was contacted by the State of Nebraska Child Support Division and he will need to have additional outlets because of the state specifications. The additional cost will be \$2,000.00. Communications Engineering is doing the work. The total cost will still be under \$10,000.00. Jeffries made a motion and Logan seconded to approve the additional wiring in the Beltzer Building. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

2c DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON OPTION TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY FROM LUZENAC – Jerry stated that when the county purchased the Luzenac property there was an option to buy a small strip of land in the southeast corner of the property to make an additional exit for the land. This option will expire at the end of the month and he wanted to bring forward. This would make the property more valuable because of the additional exit. The County would need to negotiate with the City on the access to the road. Arnold stated that even though the plan has changed regarding moving the police and sheriff to this location the purchase of this additional land for the exit would make the land more valuable. Jeffries made a motion and Logan seconded to approve the purchase of the land. Jerry requested that they also approve the claim and authorize the check to be issued. Jeffries amended his motion and Logan seconded to approve the claim and authorize payment. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Five-minute break

6. GARY HEDMAN UPDATE ON NPPD – Gary Hedman with Southern Public Power District was present to update the board on the property purchased at CAAP. Mr. Hedman serves on the power resource advisory committee and over the past two years they have developed the plans for the future power needs. The gas-fired plant in Beatrice is to be completed in 2005 and within that plan was the need for the next base load plant. The base load plants are run all of the time. This month Northern Public Power District has made a major decision with the Cooper Plant. The plant will be on a performance basis and if it runs satisfactorily they will continue to use it, if not it will be shut down. The long-range plan calls for another plant and it takes five years to complete a plant. They have evaluated several different sites and the Cornhusker Army Ammunition plant ranks far above the other. They are working with DTE on the rail line issues and when this is completed they will come back to the County Board for them to review. The funding to start the process for a new plant is in the 2002-2003 budget. Mr. Hedman feels that the CAAP site will be approved. The environmental assessment will need to be done and the construction will take five years.

Jeffries – He questioned why NPPD had partnered with the Omaha Power District for power but Mr. Hedman stated that this was a temporary agreement.

Hartman - He expressed concern that the county board should have put a time frame on some of the projects. Mr. Hedman stated that from his experience power plant locations are difficult to find and he feels that CAAP is an excellent site.

Logan – He requested that the board receive another update from NPPD in September and October. Mr. Hedman stated that they are still working on the negotiations with the Army Corp of Engineers. Logan questioned if the county board could encourage the negotiations. Lancaster stated that a letter had been sent to the Corp concerning this. The board thanked Mr. Hedman for his information.

4 DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO A JOINT RECREATIONAL PROJECT RELATING TO AN OPERATING TRAIN AT STUHR MUSEUM – County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz provided the board members with a copy of the revised resolution. The board met late yesterday afternoon and completed the documents. This resolution and letter of intent will start the process to proceed with the bond issue. The total amount of the bond issue has gone up from \$3.9 million to \$4.9 million because the additional dollars that would have been in the levy request were

included in the bond issue. The bonds do not have to be issued in on series they can be staggered so the dollars could be spent. The bond attorney will handle the issuance of the bonds and what will be necessary to proceed.

Executive Director Susan Gallagher stated that she used the suggestion from Dick Hartman to put the total amount that will be necessary in the bond issue. This will make it simpler for the voters to understand. The total will be \$4.9 million. The board asked Ms. Gallagher when this was decided and she stated that the museum board met yesterday afternoon and it was their decision to make the request this way. Arnold - He questioned how the operation costs could be collected when they were needed and Ms. Gallagher stated that the bonds can be let when needed.

Logan - He asked Pam Price what the increase on taxes would be and she said she estimated that it would be about \$20.00 for every \$100,000.00 worth of valuation, this is only a guess.

Jeffries – He asked Jerry Janulewicz if the money that the museum receives could be used for maintenance only, but Jerry replied that this is a separate state statute it will be an interlocal agreement to operate a joint recreational facility.

Logan – He asked if money for the promotion campaign has been built into this request and Ms. Gallagher replied that tax dollars can not be used for a campaign. The keno dollars from the keno request could have been used for education but they cannot do a campaign so they are trying to be careful.

Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to approve Resolution #02-0048 for the joint recreation project relating to an operating train at Stuhr Museum. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried. Lancaster requested that the museum provide the county board with a copy of their budget.

7 CONNIE HULTINE CENTRAL NEBRASKA DRUG COURT – DISCUSS AND APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH DOUGLAS COUNTY FOR CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – Drug Court Coordinator Connie Hultine was present and she had provided the county board a copy of the interlocal agreement. The Douglas County case management system received money from the Nebraska State Patrol for this project. In order to use the system with Analysis International it was requested that an interlocal agreement be signed. Once the work is completed the program would go back to Douglas County. Analysis International provided a draft of the interlocal agreement and Douglas County approved an interlocal agreement. Connie has also prepared an interlocal agreement and she is requesting that Hall County approve it. Lancaster questioned if County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz had seen the agreement and Connie stated he might have seen it but did not review it. The board asked if the County Attorney could review the agreement and bring this back to the next meeting for approval. Connie stated that there is no time concern on this and it could be approved later. This will be addressed at the August 27th board meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Louise Miller 1104 West Charles requested to speak. She asked if the board hired the referees that worked on the property valuation protests this year. She stated that she filed protest on property that had a home on it that was burned in a fire. The fire occurred after January first and Arnold explained to her that the valuation of this home was for the previous year and the value will be removed for 2003. Hartman questioned if the referees looked at the home and she did not think they did. Louise questioned if the board was going to give money to the civic center and questioned how St. Francis could be non-profit when they contributed a million dollars to the center. She asked if they pay taxes on their property. She stated that she felt the board should not sign the handi bus contracts.

8 LONG RANGE PLANNING EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS - Logan made a motion and Jeffries seconded to go into executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no with Logan absent for the vote. Motion carried.

10:07 a.m. executive session contract negotiations

11:17 a.m. Arnold made a motion and Humiston seconded to go out of executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

9 LONG-RANGE PLANNING DISCUSS SPECIAL MEETING TO TAKE ACTION ON TERMS AND RFP FOR NEW JAIL (8-20-2002 9:00 a.m.) – Because this may be a long meeting it was discussed to hold a special meeting. Eriksen made a motion and Arnold seconded to hold a special meeting of the Hall County Board of Supervisors August 20, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

16 COMMENCE AUDIT OF BI-WEEKLY PAY CLAIMS AND ACTION ON CLAIM AUDIT – Logan made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the bi-weekly payroll claims. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

17 DISTRIBUTE COUNTY INVENTORIES FOR REVIEW – County Clerk Marla Conley distributed the county inventories for the boards review and requested that they be returned by September 9th so they can be accepted and placed on file.

BOARD ASSISTANT'S REPORT – Board Assistant Stacey Ruzicka provided the progress report and stated she did not have a report.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS – Hartman – no report

Humiston – no report

Eriksen – He reported that the long range planning committee is developing the master plan for the facilities. Long range planning will get back with RDG and submit a draft report to the city and the county for them to review and work out the differences. When this is done it will come back to the full board.

Logan - He stated he has attended the budget meetings that everyone has attended.

Jeffries – He stated he has attended the budget meetings and the park committee meetings. He also met with the tourism committee and updated them on the status of the Hall County Park. He also attended the public works meetings.

Arnold – no report

Lancaster – She stated she has attended the budget meetings and the negotiations meetings. She also attended a meeting at City Hall as a member of the Solid Waste Management. She suggested that the location of the media at the county board meetings should be looked at and asked for board members to serve on a rules committee to look at the arrangement of the board. Scott Arnold, Bob Humiston and Pamela Lancaster will serve on this committee.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Chairman Lancaster called for new or unfinished business and no one responded.

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m. The next meeting will be August 27, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk